GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2477
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CLASSIFICATION OF GRAM PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has recently classified certain Gram Panchayats as urban;

(b) if so, whether rate of rent has been hiked and number of free calls reduced on the basis of this classification; and

(c) the criteria adopted by BSNL to classify Gram Panchayats as urban?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Classification of Gram Panchayats as urban is under the jurisdiction of State Government. On the basis of notification issued by State Government, applicable tariff as per urban or rural is charged by BSNL.